

It is recognized that changes may be made in form and detail without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

We claim:

- 5 1. A hand and forearm protector comprising:
 a sleeve for overlying a forearm and a proximal hand
 portion of a wearer;
 a primary opening at one end of the sleeve;
 10 a discrete digit opening disposed at another end of the
 sleeve wherein the wearer's fingers extend therethrough
wherein the sleeve extends to a point adjacent a first set of
joints of the wearer's fingers, leaving the joints exposed
The sleeve extends past the set of joints
of the metacarpals and the phalanges to a point adjacent
a first set of joints of the phalanges which are adjacent
to the set of joints of the metacarpals and the phalanges
of the wearer's fingers leaving the joints of the pha-
 15 langes exposed;
 a discrete thumb opening disposed at another end of the
 sleeve wherein the sleeve extends beyond the joint of
 the phalanges and first metacarpal and is adjacent to the
 20 joint of the phalanges leaving the joint exposed;
 a longitudinal opening along the sleeve extending adjacent
 from a point that overlies a juncture of the carpal bones
 and the radius and extending rearwardly towards the
 25 primary opening to proximately the end of the sleeve;
 and
 a zipper for closing the longitudinal opening to conform
 the sleeve to the forearm of the wearer, the closure
 being disposed to overlie a forward side of the forearm.
 2. The protector of claim 1 and further including a
 30 protective flap that extends between edges of the opening
 protecting the wearer from being pinched by the zipper.
 3. The protector of claim 1 wherein the sleeve extends to
 approximately 1 to 1½ inches from an elbow of the wearer.
 4. The protector of claim 1 wherein the sleeve includes
 35 decorative indicia on an uninterrupted surface.

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5. The protector of claim 1 wherein the sleeve extends to a first joint of the thumb,
leaving the joint exposed.

6. The protector of claim 1 wherein the sleeve extends to a point adjacent a first
knuckle of the fingers and thumb, leaving the knuckles exposed.

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